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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

Call to Order: Chair Dee Brown, on February 6, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dee Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Sue Malek (D)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Nels Swandal (R)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Barbara Pietuch, Committee Secretary
Rachel Weiss, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 79, 1/26/2017; HB 81, 1/26/2017; SB 149, 1/26/2017; SB 152, 1/26/2017

00:00:10 Chair Brown

HEARING ON SB 152

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:01 Sen. Jon Sesso (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 152, Revise laws relating to state employees.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:49 Amy Sassano, deputy budget director, Office of Budget and Program Planning, Governor's Office

00:05:37 Erik Burke, representing Montana Education Association - Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT); Montana Primary Care Association

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:06:34 Marjorie Thomas, attorney, State Human Resources Division, Office of Legal Services, Department of Administration

00:06:57 Amber Godbout, attorney, Health Care & Benefits Division, Office of Legal Services, Department of Administration (DOA)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:07:28 Chair Brown

00:08:19 Sen. Sesso

00:09:27 Chair Brown

00:09:38 Ms. Godbout, DOA

00:10:08 Chair Brown

00:10:25 Mr. Godbout

00:11:14 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:20 Sen. Sesso

HEARING ON SB 149

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:08 Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R), SD 22, opened the hearing on SB 149, Revise times state officers and candidates file business disclosure reports.

[EXHIBIT\(sts26a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony: None

Opponents' Testimony: None

00:20:13 Jonathan Motl, commissioner, Commissioner of Political Practices (COPP)
[EXHIBIT\(sts26a02\)](#)

00:29:48 Claudette Morton, volunteer, Montana League of Women Voters

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:43 Chair Brown
00:31:36 Mr. Motl, COPP
00:31:48 Chair Brown
00:32:10 Mr. Motl
00:33:08 Chair Brown
00:33:16 Sen. Whitford
00:33:30 Mr. Motl
00:34:30 Sen. Whitford
00:35:03 Sen. Kary
00:35:47 Chair Brown
00:36:00 Sen. Kary
00:36:15 Sen. Whitford
00:36:33 Sen. Kary
00:37:16 Sen. Whitford
00:37:22 Sen. Kary
00:37:33 Sen. Whitford
00:37:50 Chair Brown
00:38:28 Sen. Kary
00:38:51 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:38:59 Sen. Kary

HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:39:49 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 79, Modify when a military member may be turned over to civil authorities for trial.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:41:03 Major General Matthew Quinn, adjutant general, Montana National Guard,
director, Department of Military Affairs
[EXHIBIT\(sts26a03\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:43:37 Major Mike Talia, JAG attorney, Montana National Guard (MNG)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:43:56 Sen. Swandal
00:44:08 Mr. Talia, MNG
00:44:39 Chair Brown
00:44:43 Sen. Swandal
00:44:56 Mr. Talia
00:45:09 Sen. Kary
00:45:36 Mr. Talia
00:46:39 Chair Brown
00:46:55 Mr. Talia
00:47:08 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:47:20 Rep. Curdy

HEARING ON HB 81

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:48:15 Rep. Willis Curdy (D), HD 98, opened the hearing on HB 81, Revise publication and distribution requirements for MAR and ARM.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:05 Jeff Hindoien, chief legal counsel, Montana Secretary of State (SOS)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:55:40 Chair Brown
00:57:18 Mr. Hindoien, SOS
00:59:41 Chair Brown
01:00:35 Mr. Hindoien
01:01:07 Chair Brown
01:01:21 Mr. Hindoien
01:01:33 Chair Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:01:39 Rep. Curdy

Committee Business

01:03:42 Chair Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:05 PM

Barbara Pietuch, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sts26aad.pdf](#))